

THE CASE OF THE United EAST-INDIA Company.

Anno 1698.

THE said Company advanced for the Service of the Government Two Millions Sterling, at which time the Duties on East-India Goods were; *Viz.*

On *Muslins* and *Callicoes*, 32 l. 10 s. per Cent.

On *Coffee*, 15 per Cent. *Ad Valorem*.

On *Tea*, 15 per Cent. *Ad Valorem*.

Since then the Parliament have added the following Duties, *Viz.*

15 per Cent. on all *Muslins* and *Callicoes* on the Gross Price at the Candle.

More 5 per Cent. on said *Muslins* and *Callicoes*.

More 3 d. per Yard, on all *Callicoes* Printed in England, By a Bill now passing.

On *Tea* Two Shillings a Pound; also 5 per Cent. which with the former 15 per Cent. to be payable at the Candle Price.

On *Coffee* 5 per Cent. *Ad Valorem*, and 1 s. per Pound.

Anno 1700.

The Parliament prohibited the wearing or using in England of any Wrought Silks, Bengalls, and Stuffs mixed with Silk, or Herbs of the Manufacture of Persia, China, or East-India, and all *Callicoes* Painted, Dyed, Printed, or Stained there.

Anno 1707.

The said Company advanced for the Service of the Government, Twelve Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling without any Interest for the same.

The Company do Annually Export to the East-Indies, about One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Value in Woollen Goods and other English Product.

The Company being inform'd, A Vote is Past in the Honourable Committee for Ways and Means; for laying a further Duty of 10 per Cent. at the Candle, on all *Muslins*, *Callicoes*, *Dimmities*, and other White Manufactures of Cotton; Of 20 per Cent. on all *Druggs*, except for Dying; Of 2 s. a Pound on all *Tea*, And of 12 d. a Pound on all *Coffee*.

Do Humbly pray the said Duty may not be laid for the following Reasons.

- I. It will Amount to an utter Prohibition of their Trade, whereby the great Duties now Payable to Her Majesty will be Sunk.
- II. It will Encourage the Clandestine bringing in of these Goods from Holland, which will pay no Custom.
- III. It will prevent the Companys sending out Woollen Goods, and other English Product, and thereby the Employment of large Defensible Ships.
- IV. And on the whole, will effectually give up this Valuable Trade, to the Dutch, and other Europeans.

Nota,

Anno 1698, when the Company advanced the Two Millions for the Trade, a Piece of Callicoe, of 18 Yards, which now Sells for about 20 s. paid for Customs, &c. Duties.

Now pays (the Printing Duty included) more

The now proposed Duty will amount to more

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